

IN THE CLAIMS:

On page 13 at line 1, please delete “Claims” and insert --What is Claimed is:-- therefor.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) ~~A key arrangement for a portable electronic device~~ An apparatus comprising:

a substantially planar body for lying over a circuit board that carries electronic components; and

an input key wherein said input key is attachable to said body and is operable for relative movement along confronting surfaces of said body and said input key.

2. (currently amended) [[A]] The key arrangement according to claim 1 wherein the confronting surfaces touch.

3. (currently amended) [[A]] The key arrangement according to claim 2 wherein the confronting surfaces annularly touch.

4. (currently amended) [[A]] The key arrangement according to ~~claims 1,2 or 3~~ claim 1 wherein said relative movement is rotational.

5. (currently amended) [[A]] The key arrangement according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1 wherein said relative movement is translational.

6. (currently amended) [[A]] The key arrangement according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein said input key is actuable in an axis perpendicular to the plane of said substantially planar body.

7. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The key arrangement according to ~~claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4 wherein said body comprises a substantially planar recessed area within which said input key is substantially located.

8. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The key arrangement according to claim 6 ~~[[or 7]]~~ wherein said body comprises a stanchion.

9. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The key arrangement according to claim 8 wherein said stanchion is an actuatable key.

10. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The key arrangement according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein said body comprises a plurality of actuatable keys.

11. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The key arrangement according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein said input key is a rotary key.

12. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The key arrangement according to claim 11 wherein said rotary key is an annular key.

13. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The key arrangement according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein said body is a flexible mat.

14. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The key arrangement according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein said input key is slideable.

15. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The key arrangement according to ~~any previous~~ claim 1 wherein said input key is detachable from said body.

16. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The key arrangement according to claim 1 for a radiotelephone.

17. (currently amended) A radiotelephone including a key arrangement according to ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1.

18. (canceled)

19. (new) A method comprising:

laying a substantially planar body over a circuit board that carries electronic components and an input key, and

attaching said input key to said body so as to be operable for relative movement along confronting surfaces of said body and said input key.

20. (new) The method of claim 19 wherein the confronting surfaces touch.

21. (new) The method of claim 19 wherein the confronting surfaces annularly touch.

22. (new) An apparatus comprising:

means for laying a substantially planar body over a circuit board that carries electronic components and an input key, and

means for attaching said input key to said body so as to be operable for relative movement along confronting surfaces of said body and said input key.

23. (new) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the confronting surfaces touch.